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1. EMERALD INDUSTRIES IS A BONAFIDE JUTE EXPORTER WHOSE BUSINESS HAS REPORTEDLY AMOUNTED TO AS MUCH AS TWENTY TO TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF BANGLADESH'S JUTE GOODS EXPORTS IN RECENT MONTHS. EMERALD HAS FOR SOME TIME REPORTED TO US THAT IT IS CONTINUING IN ITS EFFORTS TO RELEASE THE CARGO IN PIRAEUS, THROUGH ITS SHIPPING AGENT SAMUDRAJATRA.

2. GARRITY'S TRIAL IN BANGLADESH IS PROCEEDING IN THE COURTS. HIS GUILT OR INNOCENCE BY LOCAL STANDARDS REMAINS TO BE ESTABLISHED THERE. THE CASE APPEARS TO US TO INVOLVE SOME INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES WITHIN THE BANGLADESH JUTE MILLS CORPORATION (BJMC) AS WELL AS THE ACTIVITIES OF EMERALD.

3. WE HAVE BEEN HEARING ABOUT THE JUTE SHIPMENT MENTIONED IN REFTEL SINCE MID-DECEMBER 1976. MOST OF OUR EARLIER COMMUNICATIONS (FROM EMERALD) INDICATE THAT EMERALD WAS ENDEAVORING TO LOAD AND SAIL ITS SHIP, THE MV JAGAT PADMANI,
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BUT ON THE ORDERS OF A BJMC OFFICIALS, LOADING WAS DELAYED. TO DATE, EMERALD REPORTS THE SHIP HAS BEEN LOADED AS FOLLOWS: DEC. 26, CHALNA, 5,750 BALES AND DEC. 31, CHITTAGONG, 5,650 BALES. THE SHIP IS NOW BACK IN CHALNA WHERE IT IS TO LOAD ANOTHER 5,750 BALES AND IS TO PROCEED AGAIN TO CHITTAGONG TO LOAD BALANCE. EMERALD OFFICIALS REPORT THAT THEIR

FIRST SYRIAN L/C WAS RECEIVED TELEGRAPHICALLY BY GRINDLAYS BANK JAN. 10. EMERALD HAS REQUESTED THE CEREALS OFFICE TO AMEND THE L/C TO EXTEND SHIPPING DATE TO JAN. 31 AND FINAL NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL FEB. 10. BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS, EMERALD REPORTS, WILL NOT ALLOW FINAL CHALNA LOADING UNTIL AMENDED L/C IS RECEIVED. EMERALD SAYS THAT SHIP LOADING CAN BE CONCLUDED IN JANUARY IF AMENDED L/C ARRIVES PROMPTLY. EMERALD REPORTS THAT SYRIA HAS EXEMPTED EMERALD FROM ALL LATE SHIPMENT CHARGES IF THE SHIP ARRIVES BEFORE MARCH 20.

4. THE HIGHER BANGLADESHI COURTS ARE GENERALLY RESPECTED FOR THEIR QUALITY AND INTEGRITY IN NONPOLITICAL MATTERS SUCH AS THIS. CONCLUSIONS ON THE RELIABILITY OF GARRITY AND EMERALD PRIOR TO THE CONCLUSION OF THESE PROCEEDINGS WOULD BE PREMATURE.

5. GARRITY HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT HIGH COURT HELD HEARING JANUARY 14 ON HIS CASE AND HAS: (1) DISMISSED ALL STATE (I.E., CRIMINAL), CHARGES AGAINST HIM; (2) ORDERED GARRITY'S PASSPORT RETURNED, PERMITTING HIM TO TRAVEL FREELY ABROAD; (3) HELD THAT THERE WAS A QUOTE CONSPIRACY END QUOTE AGAINST HIM, OWING TO EMERALD'S SUCCESS IN CAPTURING LARGE PORTION JUTE GOODS EXPORT MARKET. GARRITY IS TO FURNISH EMBASSY JANUARY 17 CERTIFIED COPY OF COURT DECISION. GARRITY PLANS TRAVEL SYRIA IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

6. COMMENT: GARRITY IS STILL FACING CHARGES BROUGHT BY BJMC THAT HE SOLD JUTE GOODS ILLEGALLY TO SETHIA, (I.E., NON - "STATE" CHARGES), BUT THIS DECISION GOES LONG WAY TOWARD ENABLING GARRITY DELIVER AGAINST SECOND SYRIAN CONTRACT
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